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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

- Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 25-28 were allowed. Claims 1-24 would be  
5 allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

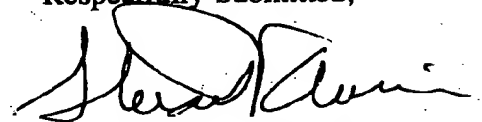
Claims 1-24 are being amended to more clearly recite proper antecedents.

- 10 In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-28, as amended, are in a position for allowance. Applicant believes that a full and complete response to the office action has been made. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.
- 15 If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

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